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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ___ continuation \(\times \) divisional ___ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/511,095 filed on February 23, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

TWO-OPTICAL SIGNAL GENERATOR FOR GENERATING TWO OPTICAL SIGNALS HAVING ADJUSTABLE OPTICAL FREQUENCY DIFFERENCE

 Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

The filing fee has been calculated as follows: 2.

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3.		A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.		Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.		Enclosed is/are <u>thirteen</u> (13) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
6a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/511,095 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
6b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned to <u>Matsushita</u> <u>Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.</u>
8.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9a.		Priority of Application No(s). 11-044857 and 2000-017031 filed in Japan on February 23, 1999 and January 26, 2000 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on May 23, 2000.
9b.		Priority of International Appln filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and

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	Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.			
10.	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.			
11.	Address all future communications to:			
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12.	An extension of time for() month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/511,095 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.			
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.				
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